GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Growth in Industrial Production
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for low growth in the index of Industrial Production (IIP) in the month of may against the highest growth of 8.5 percent registered in April;

(b) the names of the 8 major industries in the country where the growth rate was 2.8 per cent along with the action plan formulated by the government to help these Industries; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the production of fertilizer saw an impressive growth of 14.8 per cent which indicates that the condition of other sectors was much worse and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): The industrial production is measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) released by Central Statistics Office (CSO) at the base of year 2004-05. The growth rate of IIP in April, 2016 was (-) 1.3 % which improved to a growth of 1.2 % in May, 2016.

(b): The Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) measures performance of eight core industries, which includes Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Petroleum Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement & Electricity and is compiled at the base of year 2004-05. The growth rate of ICI during May, 2016 was 2.8 %.

The Government is continuously taking steps to boost growth in these industries. These inter-alia, include Startup India initiative as well as 'Make in India' programme under which 25 thrust sectors to provide a major push to manufacturing in India have been identified.

The steps taken to create ease of doing business include setting up of an Investor Facilitation Cell, launch of e-biz Portal and liberalising policy for industrial license for defence industries. The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy and procedures have been simplified and liberalised progressively. For creation of state-of-art infrastructure, Government is implementing Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project. In addition, a number of other industrial corridor projects have been conceptualized.

(c): The growth rate of Fertilizer during May, 2016 was 14.8 % and growth rates in other core industries were lower than the growth rate of Fertilizer. Industry wise detail of the growth rates are given in the table below:
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Growth Rate of Core Industries (in %)
Industry May, 2016
Coal 5.5
Crude Oil -3.3
Natural Gas -6.9
Refinery Products 1.2
Fertilizers 14.8
Steel 3.2
Cement 2.4
Electricity 4.6
Overall Index 2.8
Source: Office of the Economic Adviser, DIPP.

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